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*American Consulate General*  
*Mumbai*

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**Vacancy Notice**

**Mumbai**

**Date: October 20, 2009**

The American Consulate General in Mumbai is seeking an individual for the position of “Visa Assistant” in the Immigrant Visa Unit of the Consular Section.

**Applicants must apply on Form HR-01 (Application form for Employment) and specify the vacancy announcement number. Applications not completed on Form HR-01, or without reference to a specific vacancy number will not be accepted. Only completed forms will be accepted. (Refer to application procedure below)**

**Only applicants who are selected for the interview will be contacted.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 31/2009**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates

**POSITION:** Visa Assistant; FSN-1415-07  
BLA-311007 (Personal Services Agreement)

**OPENING DATE:** October 20, 2009

**CLOSING DATE:** November 02, 2009

**WORK HOURS:** Full-time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** EFM/NOR: Grade: FP-7  
Ordinarily Resident: FSN-07

**NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN INDIA AND HAVE VALID WORK AND RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. (PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION). APPLICATIONS WITHOUT RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

Serves as one of the eleven Immigrant Visa (IV) Assistant and Clerks working under the direct supervision of the Visa Assistant (FSN-8) and the Visa Specialist, and the indirect supervision of the American Chief of the IV unit. Reports on a day-to-day basis to the Team Leader. The Jobholder screens incoming documentation and information from a variety of sources (public counters, National Visa Center (NVC), United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) (formerly INS) to organize and track visa requests according to a relatively complicated set of law and procedures so that the Consular officer or other Adjudicating Officials can make decisions and ensure that the legal requirements of the application have been met. The incumbent processes IV's from receipt of applications to return of passports

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

**NOTE:** All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Completion of Secondary School.
2. Two years of progressively responsible experience in visa work, other related work in the consular field, or similar work involving the application of relatively complex regulatory or legal material.
3. Level IV (fluency) in English, Gujarati and Hindi. Level III (Good working knowledge) in Marathi.
4. A good working knowledge of applicable visa laws, regulations and procedures, including local laws and practices pertinent to the visa work performed. Knowledge of Consular district geography.
5. Exercise of patience, tact, diplomacy and good judgment while dealing with visa applicants, U.S. citizens and the general public. Ability to apply regulations correctly and to know when to refer cases to higher authority. Standard keyboard & data entry skills required. Knowledge for usage of Fingerprint equipment and the IV/NIV/ACS database.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When equally qualified, and if funding permits, Eligible Family Members (EFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Not Ordinarily Resident employees who are hired with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule are eligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

## **TO APPLY**

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following:

1. Application form for employment (Form HR-01)
2. OPTIONAL: Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

## **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

American Consulate General  
Human Resources Office  
Attention: Ms. Ann E. Gabrielson  
78, Bhulabhai Desai Road  
Mumbai 400 026.

## **POINT OF CONTACT**

Shyju B. Kombath  
Human Resources Office  
Telephone: (022) 2363-3611 – 18 Extn. 4302  
Fax: (022) 2368-9016  
Email: [MumbaiHRCareer@state.gov](mailto:MumbaiHRCareer@state.gov)

## **DEFINITIONS**

1. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): **For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, a USEFM is an individual** who meets the following criteria:

- (1) U.S. citizen; and
- (2) The spouse or domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee, or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- (3) Listed on the travel orders of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed services member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and who is under chief-of-mission authority, and either:
  - (a) Resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  - (b) Resides at an involuntary separate maintenance allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2. If residing at an ISMA location, the individual will not be listed on the sponsoring officer's travel orders but will have a Form SF-1190 processed authorizing ISMA.

Other family members or dependents on direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed services member's travel orders are not USEFMs or AEFMs for purposes of 3 FAM 8200.

2. Appointment eligible family member (AEFM): An individual who may qualify for a direct-hire Foreign Service appointment on either a family member appointment (FMA; defined below) or a temporary appointment (TEMP; defined below) provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) U.S. citizen; and
- (2) The spouse or the domestic partner as defined in 3 FAM 1610 of the sponsoring employee, or a child of the sponsoring employee, who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- (3) Listed on the travel orders of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed services member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan, and who is under chief-of-mission authority; and
- (4) Residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- (5) Does not receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Other family members or dependents of direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed services member's travel orders are not AEFMs or U.S. citizen EFMs for purposes of 3 FAM 8200.

3. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

4. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: COB November 2, 2009**  
***An Equal Opportunity Employer***

*The US Mission in Mumbai provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.*

*The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.*

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